



Summit News

What's happening in your neighborhood

June 2011

Get Out and Get Down: **The Second Annual Summit Music Festival**

The Second Annual Summit Music Festival is slated to take place in Lippitt Park on Sunday, August 14 (rain date August 21) from 1-5pm. Last year's festival was an absolute hoot, and we are planning to take it up a notch this year.

This year's festival will have a roots theme, with bands intended to make you get up out of the lawn chair (bring lawn chairs!) and shake your tail feathers. One featured act is Joe Fletcher & the Wrong Reasons. Fletcher has a style that combines country, blues, folk and rock influences. His band's recently-released second album *White Lighter* received wide critical acclaim, and their song "Ambulances" has been nominated for a Providence Phoenix Best Song of the Year award. The band has toured all over the East Coast, but nothing is better than a hometown show like the one they will perform for us in Lippitt Park.

Aside from Joe Fletcher & the Wrong Reasons, the day will feature at least two other bands ready to make you dance, though!

Also, there will be food and craft vendors to keep you busy during and between acts. Last year we featured the best craft vendors in the area, and we intend this year to be no different. We are shooting for more food choices, and maybe even a thing or two for the sweet tooth.

Please mark August 14 on your calendar now, as we hope that you will join us for another day of fun and music in the great Lippitt Park.

Second Annual Summit For Sale



Details Inside



The Fountain Is On!

by Dan Cahill

For the first time in 28 years, the Henry Bowen Anthony fountain is running in Lippitt Park! On the sun-splashed morning of June 4, Mayor Angel Taveras led city and neighborhood leaders and over 200 guests in the countdown to start the water flowing.

The ceremony culminated a lengthy effort joining advocacy and fundraising by the Summit Neighborhood Association (SNA) with planning and support from the Providence Department of Parks & Recreation. Two critical pieces for the project funding were a \$58,000 grant from the Champ-lin Foundations and a major contribution from City parks. SNA also contributed \$10,000.

The construction includes new cement and brick walkways and approaches. New piping and fixtures were installed in the fountain which was originally constructed in 1940 of granite in the Moderne style, a form of "art deco". Water

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Our Second Annual Summit For Sale!



Get Rid Of Your Old Stuff Help SNA Have Your Best Yard Sale Ever

There's strength in numbers! Once again, we're bringing Summit together with a yard sale that spans the entire neighborhood. Get the most bang for your buck by teaming up with dozens of folks just like you. After a small fee that benefits SNA, all the profit from your sale is yours to keep! It's easy:

1. Fill out the form below and send it with your check no later than August 1.
2. We'll create a map of participating houses, then send it to all Summit residents and post it at public places throughout Providence.
3. We'll send you a special sign. Display it at your yard sale on September 17 or the rain date of September 24 to show you're an official participant.
4. Enjoy the attention of countless people who want to buy your stuff!

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NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER OR E-MAIL _____

(not made public and only used in case we need to reach you)

\$10 (I'm already an SNA member)

\$15 (I'm not an SNA member)

\$25 (I'm not an SNA member, but I'd like to join)

Please make checks out to Summit Neighborhood Association and send them to P.O. Box 41092, Providence, RI 02940.

Trash Talk

All about the Blue, the Green and the Big Green:

The City instituted some new rules concerning trash bins and pick up some time ago, and we'd like to take a moment to refresh you. We get a lot of questions on this matter, and it always helps to review!

The City Public Works Department (467-7950) manages waste removal for the City. Waste Management, a private contractor, actually does the picking up.

For some time, all Providence residents have had three containers to put curbside on their assigned day of the week – Monday for us in Summit (or Tuesday when Monday is a holiday). The "big green" container is for waste which is not to be recycled. These "big green" containers come in two sizes, and most residents have the larger size. These containers are owned by the City of Providence. If for any reason a resident container is stolen, that resident should call 467-7950 to report it and get a new one.

Providence also has two standard containers for recycled goods. The green one is for paper goods (newspapers, magazines, some cardboard) and the blue one is for glass and plastic. These containers are purchased and owned by the resident.

The recycle containers are available for \$5.00 at the Providence Public Works office at 700 Allens Avenue. This location is quite a bit down Allens Avenue from us in Summit, at the intersection of Ernest Street. The office is open weekdays, 8:30 to 4:30.

If you do not want to purchase containers, there is an alternative. Residents can use their own containers for recycling. There are two conditions for using a container that is not sold by the City. First, it should be the approximate size of the City container. Second, the container must be plainly marked that it is for a certain type of recycling (ie paper goods vs. glass/plastic).

THE IMPORTANT CHANGE IS THAT YOU HAVE TO HAVE BOTH RECYCLE CONTAINERS OUT, OR THERE WILL BE NO TRASH COLLECTION.

Do not remove the recycle containers if they have been emptied before any other waste container – the remaining waste containers will not be emptied. This ordinance was passed some time ago, but it bears repeating.

We hope this trash tutorial has been helpful to you! Please do remember to recycle. It not only benefits the Earth, but it reduces a strain on the City budget represented by waste disposal.



Anthony Fountain Flows Again at Lippitt Park

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now gushes from 11 different openings. The fountain now uses recycled water, as required by present regulations. The pumping and filtration stations are housed in a small building on the Hope Street side of the park.

SNA president Dean Weinberg said “this fountain flows because of the generosity of the people, the work of the neighborhood and the tremendous efforts of Bob McMahon and his Parks Department colleagues.”

Sheila Perlow, an SNA Board member, remembered the fountain as an important part of her childhood, saying she stands before you “with hopes of continued community spirit flowing strongly.”

Parks Superintendent Bob McMahon recognized several important parts of the project: neighborhood tenacity to get it done; the originality of the fountain’s design and its rehabilitation; and the commitment to public art that enhances public spaces. He also traced the history of the fountain’s namesake, U.S. Senator Henry Bowen Anthony and his contributions to the state. Bob also asked that the neighbors be vigilant against vandalism and graffiti.

City Councilman Kevin Jackson joined other speakers in giving tribute to SNA members who were instrumental in the fountain restoration, including Jesse Polhemus, Dan Cahill, Jim Kelley and George Schietinger. Jackson said a major factor in getting it done was the city’s confidence in SNA as an effective partner.

The G Notes, a vocal group from the Gordon School, sang several songs. Following Dean Weinberg’s invitation a number of families indicated that they would be joining the SNA as members.

After operating seasonally for 42 years, the fountain was turned off by the Parks Department in 1982 because it no longer met Providence Water Supply Board and Narragansett Bay Commission regulations or health codes. Beginning in 2007, the Summit Neighborhood Association (SNA), aided by Councilman Jackson, and the Parks Department, spearheaded an effort to restore the fountain.

Speaker after speaker cheered the fountain restoration.

Left to right above: SNA president Dean Weinberg, lifetime neighbor Sheila Perlow, Parks Supt. Robert McMahon, Councilman Kevin Jackson and Mayor Angel Taveras.



Really Getting Into It: Neighbors of all ages (above) and members of the G-Notes a capella group from the Gordon School, who sang at the event, take advantage of the cool fountain waters on a picture-perfect early summer morning.

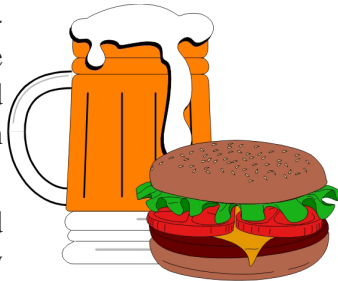


The Ivy Tavern

by Benjamin Goulet

Known simply as “the Ivy” to locals, the Ivy Tavern is a small bar/restaurant tucked alongside the businesses that line Hope Street. A modest and unassuming place, with little more than a small bar and a menu of high-end pub grub, the Ivy has quietly earned the loyalty and respect of Summit residents and visitors. In fact, for many here it’s become an irreplaceable part of the neighborhood.

Although sports photos and artwork surround you and baseball games duel on mute, the Ivy strikes out as a typical sports bar. You’re more likely to hear the sounds of a live Grateful Dead concert streaming from an iPod behind the bar than any cheering for a game on television. But cheering is fine. The locals get it. Noisy guys can pre-game a bachelor party alongside whispering older couples. At the Ivy, anyone is welcome.



This lack of pretention and inability to fit in with trends gives the Ivy a special magic that stands out against, even above, its competition. Nic-a-Nees has its jukebox. Trinity has its brew house. Julian’s has a mile-long beer list and its West End hipsterati. But the Ivy Tavern isn’t a place where you go to be seen. Like the vinyl albums you pull from the yard sale at the first hint of interest or an old pair of boots you hold onto just in case, the Ivy is there when you need it.

While the politicians roar on the floor of the Capitol and battle lines are being drawn around the State House, the Ivy Tavern is one of the few places left in Providence where the wealthy and the working class can sit shoulder to shoulder to patiently await the end of the world. You can meet a few friends around a tiny table for a burger and a buzz, while the silent pitches of Josh Beckett move to the lines of Jerry Garcia’s guitar, and it’s comforting and predictable.

Just like the Summit neighborhood itself, just like home.

Ten Reasons to Join (or renew) your SNA Membership!

Check out what we did last year -- and let us know what you’d like to help us do this year:

1. We sponsored two election campaign debates.
2. We worked on Miriam’s Master Plan so that the interests of the neighbors would be heard.
3. We supported the formation of the new North Main Street Merchant Association.
4. We successfully negotiated with the City and State to have the one-way block of Smithfield Avenue restored to a two-way street.
5. We collaborated with Parents For Lippitt Park in constructing a new children’s play-scape.
6. We sponsored a neighborhood-wide yard sale.
7. We held the first annual Summit Music Festival in Lippitt Park, enjoyed by hundreds of local residents.
8. This spring, water will flow again in the Lippitt Park fountain thanks to several years of work and advocacy by SNA board members.
9. Let’s not forget the listserv that so many of you use on a daily basis, which is moderated and funded by the SNA: Summit@sna.providence.ri.us
10. We put out four newsletters each year, and this year we created a new web site and blog to keep you all apprised of the SNA’s activities:

www.SummitNeighbors.org

I enclose my 2011 membership contribution of ☐\$15 ☐\$25 ☐\$50 Other \$

Name (print) email

Name 2 email

Address

Daytime Phone Evening Phone

I can help ☐Deliver Newsletters ☐Make phone calls ☐Canvas my street ☐other

My biggest neighborhood concerns are:

Please enclose a check made out to: Summit Neighborhood Association

Mail to: SNA, PO Box 41092, Providence, RI, 02940